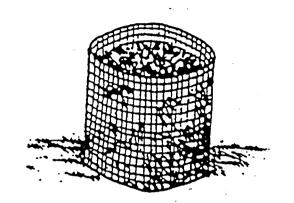
Materials

13 feet of poultry wire, hardware cloth, or plastic coated wire mesh Four metal or plastic clips, or copper wire ties

Tools

Heavy duty wire or tin snips, pliers, hammer and work gloves.



<u>Steps</u>

- Roll out and cut 12-1/2 feet of poultry wire, hardware cloth or plastic coated wire mesh. If using poultry wire, roll back three to four inches at each end of cut piece to provide a strong clean edge which will be easy to latch and won't poke or snag.
- Set wire circle in place for compost pile and secure ends with clips or wire ties.
- Space wood or metal posts around perimeter inside wire circle.
- Pound posts firmly into the ground while tensing them against wire to provide support.
- If using hardware cloth, trim ends with a cross wire to eliminate loose edges that may poke or scratch hands.
- Apply files to each wire along cut edge to ensure safer handling when opening and closing bins.
- · Bend hardware cloth into circle and attach ends with clips or ties.
- · Set bin in place for composting.

*Plastic coated wire mesh bins are made in the same manner, except that bending this heavier material into an even circular shape will require extra effort. Also, filing the wire ends may cause the plastic coating to tear. Striking the end of each wire with a hammer a few times will knock down any jagged edges.